AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A capping system for a container including a mouth, a wall segment surrounding the mouth, and a cam extending from an outer surface of the wall segment, the capping system comprising:

a sealing cap having a bottom for covering the mouth;

a jacket extending from said bottom; and

a guarantee connected to the jacket via a predetermined rupture line and including at least two vertical cuts, a substantially constant outer ~~perimeter~~surface, and an area of reduced wall thickness in a region surrounding the cam, said area of reduced wall thickness having a greater arc length than said at least two vertical cuts and disposed on an inner surface of said guarantee opposing the container, the cam operable to apply a force on an area of said guarantee adjacent to said area of reduced wall thickness to urge said guarantee away from the wall segment and sever said at least one vertical cut when said cap is rotated a predetermined distance relative to the wall segment.

2.   (Previously Presented) The capping system as defined in claim 1, wherein said area of reduced wall thickness is disposed between a pair of said at least two vertical cuts.

3-4.   (Cancelled)

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5.   (Previously Presented) The capping system as defined in claim 1, wherein the wall segment is provided with an annular bead adjacent to the mouth and the cam is disposed in the region of the wall segment directly adjacent to the annular bead.

6.   (Previously Presented) The capping system as defined in claim 1, wherein the cam extends as far as the region of the annular bead.

7.   (Previously Presented) The capping system as defined in claim 1, wherein the cam extends beyond the circumferential surface of the wall segment further than does the annular bead.

8.   (Previously Presented) The capping system as defined in claim 1, further comprising a stopper inserted into the mouth of the container onto which stopper the sealing cap can be placed.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11.   (Currently Amended) A capping system for a container having an opening and a cam extending from a surface of the container, the capping system comprising:

a cap including a bottom for selectively covering said mouth, a jacket extending from said bottom, and a guarantee connected to said jacket, said guarantee including a flanged region that laterally surrounds the cam when said cap is attached to the container, said flanged region ~~providing~~ having a reduced wall thickness to provide a

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clearance for the cam when said cap is initially attached to the container to prevent deformation of said guarantee and ~~providing~~ to allow said guarantee ~~with~~ to have a ~~circumferentially discontinuous~~ uniform outer ~~perimeter~~surface, said guarantee rotating with said jacket when said cap is attached and rotated relative to the container, the cam applying a force on said guarantee when said cap is rotated a predetermined distance relative to the container to at least partially sever said guarantee.

12.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein said guarantee expands in a radial direction in response to said force.

13.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein said guarantee includes at least one cut.

14.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 13, wherein said guarantee is at least partially severed at said at least one cut in response to said force being applied to said guarantee.

15.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 13, wherein said at least one cut is formed substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of said cap.

16.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein the cam includes at least one sloped surface that engages said flanged region when said cap is rotated said predetermined distance.

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17.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein the cam includes at least one sloped surface that engages said flanged region prior to rotation of said cap relative to the container.

18.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein the surface of the container includes a substantially constant cross section between the cam and the mouth.

19.   (Previously Presented) The capping system of claim 11, wherein said cap extends along a longitudinal axis of the container between the cam and the mouth.

20.   (Cancelled)

21.   (Previously Presented)   The capping system of claim 11, further comprising a pair of cut portions formed in said guarantee, said flanged region disposed between said pair of cut portions.

22.   (Previously Presented)   The capping system of claim 11, wherein a distal end of said guarantee is bent toward the surface of the container to form said flanged region.

23.   (Previously Presented)   The capping system of claim 11, wherein a distal end of said guarantee is bent toward the surface of the container and extends around a

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perimeter of said guarantee between a first portion and a second portion of said guarantee, said first portion being disposed on an opposite side of the cam than said second portion when said guarantee is installed on the container.

24.   (New)   The capping system of claim 1, wherein said outer surface of said guarantee extends from a center of said sealing cap to the same extent around an entire perimeter of said sealing cap to provide said outer surface with a substantially constant radius.

25.   (New)   The capping system of claim 1, wherein said outer surface of said guarantee is formed on an opposite side of said guarantee than said inner surface.

26.   (New)   The capping system of claim 1, wherein said outer surface of said guarantee faces away from the container.

27.   (New)   The capping system of claim 11, wherein said outer surface of said guarantee extends from a center of said cap to the same extent around an entire perimeter of said cap to provide said outer surface with a constant radius.

28.   (New)   The capping system of claim 11, wherein said outer surface of said guarantee faces away from the container.

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